

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ASTOR, LENOX AND TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

---

LIBRARY SCHOOL NOTES

MARCH 1916

---

FACULTY

Misses Van Valkenburgh and Handerson accompanied the student party on its trip to New England, March 25th to April 1st. The juniors were allowed to choose between this journey and attendance on the Conference of the American Library Association at Asbury Park the last week in June. For the first time the trip was included in requirements for the certificate. Twenty-two students elected to visit the New England libraries. The two Faculty members were the guests of the Massachusetts Free Public Library Commission at dinner, while in Boston. A full schedule of the trip is given on another page.

LECTURES

Lectures to the juniors have been as follows:

- March 1. J. A. Lowe (Massachusetts Free Library Commission). Library business methods.
- March 3. C. C. Williamson. Municipal reference work.
- March 6, 13. F. F. Hopper. Book-buying.
- March 8, 15. T. E. Comba. Italian literature.
- March 13. G. B. Utley (Secretary, American Library Association). Aims and scope of the American Library Association.
- March 22. Jessie G. Sibley. Administration of the children's room.

Teas followed the lectures of Mr. Lowe and Mr. Comba, and the latter read passages from Giacosa's play "Una partita ai scacchi."

Senior lectures were given as follows:

*School and college library course:*

- March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21. T. E. Comba. Italian.

*Advanced reference and cataloguing course:*

March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22. T. E. Comba. Italian.

*Administration course:*

March 1, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23. Corinne Bacon. Book selection and test.

March 2. F. F. Hopper. Library administration. (Lecture five and test.)

*Children's librarians' course:*

March 2. F. F. Hopper. Library administration, with test.

March 3, 17. Anna C. Tyler. Boys' and girls' clubs in libraries.

March 9, 16, 23. Corinne Bacon. Book-selection, with test.

March 24. Symposium, *Dealing with children*. Executive side, Mildred Davis; Book side, Marcia Dalphin; Children, Marian P. Greene.

On March 10, visits were made to some of the children's rooms in Brooklyn and Queens, written reports being handed in the following week.

The School has become a member of the "*Cercle Léopold de Lisle*" of the *Fédération de l'Alliance française*. This entitles the School to a number of free admissions to the French lectures and entertainments given under the auspices of the *Alliance*.

## VACATION TRIP

The party left New York for Albany the morning of Saturday, March 25. In the afternoon it visited the State Education Building and the Capitol, and in the evening was hospitably entertained at the rooms of the State Library School by the faculty and a number of alumni. The students of the school were absent doing field work, to the regret of the visiting party.

On Sunday morning the trip was resumed, the Springfield Public Library being the next objective.

Monday was spent *en route* to Worcester and in visiting the Worcester Public Library and that of Clark University. Boston was reached in time for dinner.

The libraries scheduled in Boston were the Public Library, the Athenaeum, Harvard University Library, where the new Widener Memorial excited admiration, and Cambridge Public Library. A pleasant evening at the Somerville Public Library was rendered even pleasanter by an informal reception given by the librarian and staff.

Simmons College buildings, including the quarters of the Library School, and the Brookline Public Library, were the remaining outlying libraries scheduled. In addition, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, where Mr. Stearns (of 1913) is Librarian, and the State Library and quarters of the Massachusetts Free Library Commission, were in the list of places visited. Everywhere, the inquiring-minded student met with the kindest attention.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. John G. Moulton, Librarian at Haverhill, Mass., conducted the party to Salem and Marblehead, and at the latter place all were entertained at supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mosher, a delightful finish to a delightful day. Mr. J. A. Lowe, of the Massachusetts Free Library Commission, acted as guide to those who wished to visit historic Boston, on Wednesday afternoon.

Friday saw the party off for Hartford, where Miss Hewins of the Public Library and Mr. Gay of the Watkinson Library, exhibited their collections and afterwards entertained the guests charmingly with readings and music.

New Haven was the last stop, and after a morning divided between the Yale University Library and the new Public Library, the party were refreshed at luncheon through the hospitality of the Public Library, and sent on their homeward way thoroughly pleased with the week's experiences.

It is safe to say that those of the class who elected to attend the Conference cannot have a better time, though they may have as good a one. When one considers that three library schools were making the circuit of New England libraries this spring, the kind attention and generous hospitality received seem especially gratifying.

#### ALUMNI

Dorothy Rogers (1915) has been engaged as First Assistant at the East Library Branch, Pittsburgh, beginning work there April 1.

Fanny T. Taber (junior, 1914) has recently been appointed Librarian of the West End Branch of the Birmingham Public Library, Alabama.

Enid M. Stafford (junior, 1913) has lately joined the staff of the Public Library of Hibbing, Minn.



Nora E. Cordingley (junior, 1912) writes enthusiastically of her new position in the Iowa State College Library, at Ames.

We regret to say that at last accounts Mr. Ralph Gossage had not received the Christmas box so carefully packed for his Belgian protégés. We can only hope that it may still turn up somewhere.